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SAN BRUNO CITIZENS TO VOTE ON MUNICIPAL CHARTER ISSUE

Community Now Governed By State Law Covering Cities Of Sixth Class

The state law governing cities of the sixth class, known as the Municipal Corporations Act, is a blanket law covering all cities throughout the state that do not have a city charter. San Bruno at present does not have a charter and functions under the state law. A proposed charter for the city will come before the vote of San Bruno citizens on April 14.

The state law, phases of which were enacted under lobbying of private interests, under which San Bruno is now governed, is general in scope and does not fit the individual problems of a municipality.

Under city charters cities have the right to legislate on purely municipal matters to best suit the needs in a particular community. For instance, charters give legislative powers on such matters as municipal improvements, street zoning, regulation and control of railroad crossings and the granting of utility franchises.

The grade crossing committee of San Mateo County, which closes railroad crossings it considers non-essential, has listed two crossings in San Bruno to be closed, the Scott

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LOCAL OFFICERS BALK ROMANCE FOR CHILDREN

Four L. A. Young People Are Taken Into Custody Here On Attempted Elopement To San Francisco

Cupid ran amuck in Daly City, last week, and four runaway young people from Los Angeles had to do a lot of explaining to irate parents.

The quartet was taken into custody Saturday night by Daly City police, who interrupted an elopement to San Francisco.

The prospective bridegroom and bride, George Wheeler, 18, and Catherine Gillette, 15, were found at the home of Wheeler's aunt, Mrs. Matilda Ewers, 332 North Parkview avenue.

Two other members of the wedding party, June Bartan, 14, and Orsen Gilbert, 18, who came along to act as witnesses at the ceremony, were picked up at an auto camp on Mission street, police said.

Sergeant Wilbur Sunderland and Officer Arthur Dalton set out in search of the foursome upon receipt of a teletype message from Los Angeles asking detention of the wedding party.

PLANNED TO MARRY

The four were taken to San Francisco, where the girls were placed in the detention home and the boys held in city prison.

Wheeler told police he met Catherine five months ago, they fell in love and decided to get married, but because of objections by the girl's parents ran away to San Francisco for the ceremony.

"We took Orsen and June for witnesses and intended to lie about our ages," Wheeler said. "We would have, if we hadn't been caught. Now look at us. I'm sure everything will be straightened out and then we'll be married."

County Government Costs May Rise

Preliminary examination of ten county departmental budgets for 1937-38 submitted to Controller Stack revealed last week that costs of government operation are likely to rise between 10 and 15 per cent next year if increases are proportionate in the remaining 38 departmental budgets.

Salary, maintenance and operation estimates of the various offices were turned in late last week.

Some idea of the composite budget requirements will be gained after the individual budgets are all in, Stack said. County Budget Director Ernest A. Rolison declined to make any comment on the outlook until he has studied the whole setup, he said.

SPRING SERIES DANCE CONCERT BEGINS SUNDAY

Noted Dramatic Dancer To Be Feature Event At Opening

Pauline Koner, celebrated dramatic dancer, will appear in a concert at the Curran Theater, Sunday matinee, April 4, as the opening event in the spring series of the California Dance Guild. She will arrive here direct from the Guild Theater, New York. This is her first American tour.

Miss Koner first won fame dancing the leading role in Prokofiev's ballet, "Age of Steel," at the Metropolitan Opera House, New York, in 1932. She was featured in the ballet "Prometheus" at the Lewisohn Stadium the following year. She has been touring since with brilliant success in Palestine, the Near East and Soviet Russia.

She played a total of 118 concerts in the U. S. S. R., a record for a visiting artist exceeded only by Marian Anderson, Moscow, Leningrad, Kharkov, Kiev, Odessa, Tiflis, Archangel and Sverdlovsk were included in her itinerary. She staged the much discussed "Ballet of Youth" in Leningrad. Tairov, noted producer, presented her in a series of special performances at the Moscow Kamerny Theater.

Pauline Koner's new Soviet dances are "Free Day," showing a worker on his day off from the factory; "Death of a Politician," a vivid satire on paid mourners, and "Lullaby to a Future Hero" by Myashovsky.

In her Palestine group are "Yemenite," ancient Arabic theme; "Yal-Lel," a Jewish dance of the night, and "Cassidic," from the Habima Theater, Tel-Aviv.

Her program also includes "Javanese Altar Piece," by Niemann; "Dance of Rada," by Sarat Lahiri, and a new group of Spanish Impressions.

Vivian Fine, pianist for Doris Humphrey and Charles Weidman, New York's foremost modern dancers, will be Miss Koner's accompanist.

NEW LIGHTS

W. Del Monte, manager of the Bayshore Theater, has installed more than 100 feet of new neon tube on the marquee of the show house. An effective flash synchronization has been set up with the new lights and the upright theater sign.

Gets Solo Record For Airwomen



Evelyn Hudson

Taking off from the Oxnard, Cal., airport on Easter morning, Evelyn Hudson established a new world's record for solo flying by women. The flight was held under the auspices of the National Aeronautical Association.

IMPROVEMENT CLUB TO HOLD ANNUAL DINNER

Senator And Assemblyman Are Scheduled To Be Evening Speakers

The Visitation Valley Improvement Club will hold its annual banquet and social party this evening at Bon Vitas Hall, 111 Raymond avenue. Dinner will be served at 6:30 o'clock.

Senator Walter McGovern is scheduled as guest speaker and Assemblyman Edgar C. Levey will be toastmaster. There will be fun, frolic, amusement, free dancing and entertainment.

Mrs. Charles Eisenhut and Mrs. Chris Eisenhut are general co-chairmen. George Allen, president of the association, says, "We would enjoy having you with us that evening."

Bill To Cut Tax Roll Is Fought

Strong opposition to an assembly bill which would cut \$1,000,000 from the assessment rolls of San Mateo County was expressed this week by Assessor Dan Flynn, who has gone to Sacramento to join with the State County Assessors' Association in fighting the bill, recommended by the assembly revenue and taxation committee for passage.

The measure, AB 71, would eliminate all personal property taxes, placing no restriction on the gross amount of personal property held.

The assessor declared that only confusion would result from passage of the bill, scheduled to go into effect in the 1935-39 biennium.

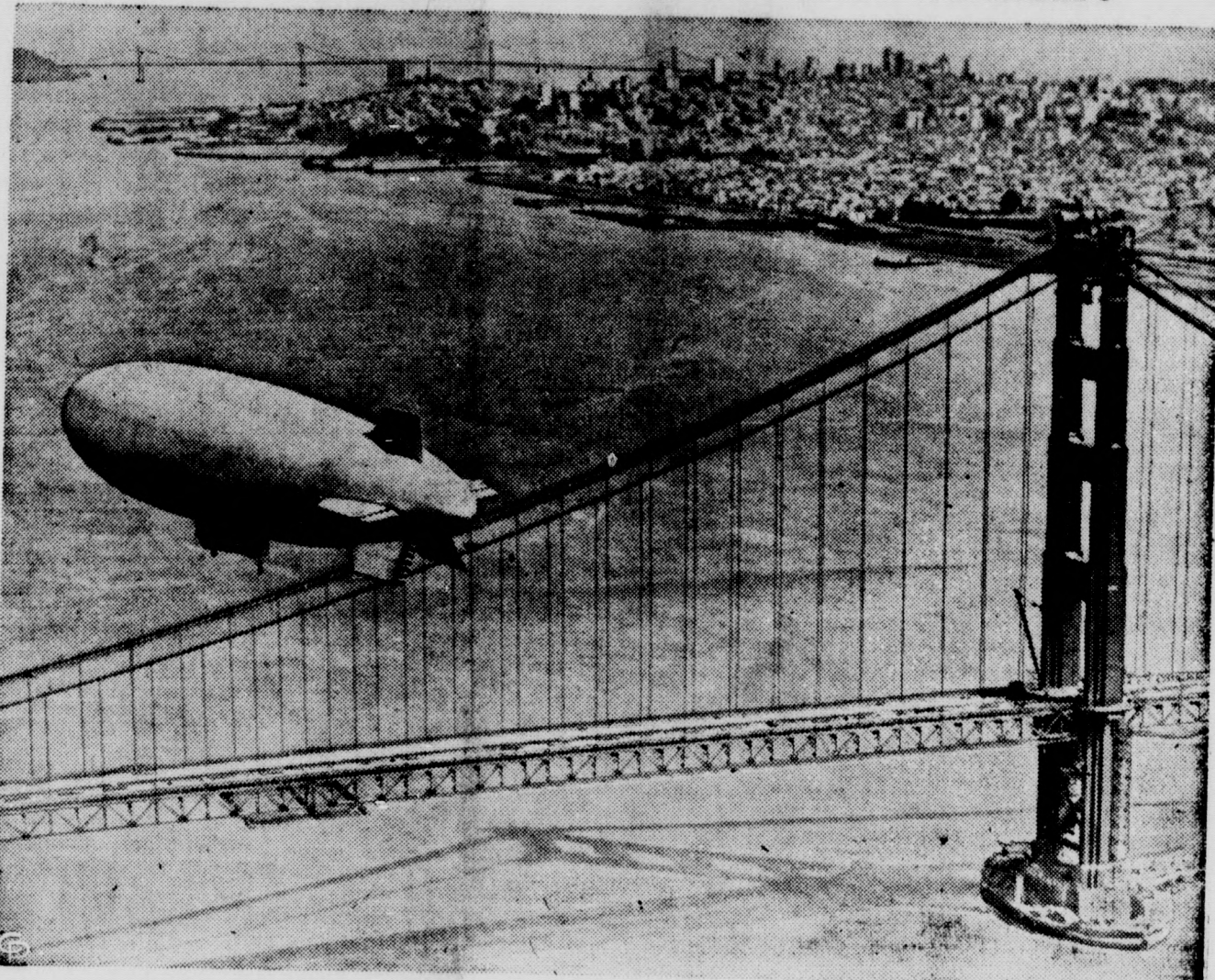
"Millionaires would pay nothing, like the poor, under this bill," Flynn said, branding the measure as a single tax proposition.

Pair Is Injured In Car Accident

Two San Mateo men were critically injured, early Wednesday morning of this week, when their car went out of control on Bayshore highway near Brisbane, rolled over three times and landed in a ditch.

Donald Fletcher, guest at a San Mateo hotel suffered eight broken ribs and a possible skull fracture, and was unconscious late today. His companion, Bobe Steele, 25, suffered shrouded injuries and a possible crushed chest. Fletcher was at the wheel of the car, in the opinion of the state highway patrol, which investigated the accident.

Blimp Soars Over New Golden Gate Structure



Uncle Sam's largest blimp is pictured in this unusual air photo as it recently flew over the world's highest suspension span, the new Golden Gate bridge across the entrance to San Francisco bay. The far-famed Redwood Empire counties of northern California will participate in colorful ceremonies marking the opening of the giant structure in May.

Vagabond Sketches

by DON AMES

The pioneering air transport company has done more toward advancing commercial aviation than any other organization in the world.

During the past decade this company has done more toward advancing commercial aviation than any other organization in the world. From Miami to Key West, then on to South America; and from California to China it pushed. Now Pan American begins a new venture, even greater than any before attempted. And it will succeed!

Who can tell, perhaps another decade will see a trans-Atlantic sky path operated by Pan American.

SHORT STORY
Do not be a mere spectator,
Lolling in a cushioned seat;
Rise and be a gladiator
Whether triumph or defeat.

TODAY'S EPIGRAM — Laugh with fate, not at it.—Spider Brock.

FAST FIELD HAS BEEN NOMINATED IN CHAMPIONSHIP

Entry Of English Three Year Old Lends International Color To Race

Nineteen crack three year olds were nominated for the \$3000 added Tanforan three year old Championship, to be run Saturday, April 3, at one mile and a sixteenth.

The list of nominations includes the finest three year olds in Western training today. Brown Jade, the sensational filly which blazed out the pace in the Santa Anita Derby, is the probable favorite. She is in excellent form right now and captured her last start by five lengths through the mud. She is dangerous, however, on any sort of footing.

Chief opposition is expected to be furnished by the N. W. Church entry of Sir Oracle and Patty Cake. Both have trained exceptionally well for the engagement of Saturday.

Other keen contenders for the race include Rockwood, Dolaway, Lake View, Exclaim, Somali, Lady Bewithus and Sunset Trail II.

Sunset Trail II is an imported English three year old and will lend a touch of international color to the race. He has just arrived from Santa Anita, where he ran creditably.

DOG POPULATION

The humane department claims Los Angeles to have a dog population of 200,000. Most of them have no legal status, the \$2 male and \$4 female license fees total only \$138,889.

MARATHON RACE TO BE HELD AT BRIDGE OPENING

Runners To Cover Distance From San Rafael To Crissy Field

A marathon relay race from San Rafael across the Golden Gate Bridge to San Francisco will be one of the feature sports attractions of the Golden Gate Bridge Fiesta, May 27 to June 2.

The course, as laid out, will route the contestants through the towns of San Anselmo, Ross, Kentfield, Escalante, Larkspur, Corte Madera, Waldo, through the Waldo cutoff and over the Golden Gate Bridge to Crissy Field, San Francisco.

Covering a distance of approximately 20 miles, the runners, five to each team, will run in relays of four miles each. Entries are now being received.

Teams are expected to represent the Olympic Club, University of California, Stanford University, San Francisco Y. M. C. A., Italian Athletic Association of Los Angeles and the Sacramento Y. M. C. A.

Jailed After Chum's Death In Auto Crash



Cella Juanita Barker

Surrendering voluntarily to Los Angeles police after flight first to Mexico and then to San Francisco, Cella Juanita Barker, pictured above, was recently sentenced to a year in jail on a negligent homicide charge growing out of the death of a friend, Marcella Tullis, in a Pomona Cal., auto accident. The court suspended sentence but stipulated Miss Barker remain an additional ninety days in jail, where she has already spent forty-nine days.

OLDEST COUNTY RESIDENT GIVEN HONOR SERVICES

"Mother" Minerva Perishes In Flames Which Swept Her Colorful Home

"Mother" Minerva Hartman was accorded honor funeral services, early this week, and her body was placed at rest in Olivet Memorial Park.

Old Glory Auxiliary No. 2044, Daly City, held services for "Mother" Minerva, Monday evening of this week, at the Masonic Temple, Hillcrest drive and Mission street. The funeral was conducted, Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, by Rev. L. W. Reneau, assisted by Rev. A. R. Willis, under the auspices of the San Mateo-Burlingame Camp No. 130, United Spanish-American War Veterans.

FIRE GUTS FORT

"Mother" Minerva died, Thursday night of last week, when fire, believed caused by a defective oil stove, swept her humble little cottage on stilts (famously known as Minerva's Fort), which is located on

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"UP SHE GOES" IS SLOGAN OF COLUMBIA PLAY

Road Show Proves Worthy Of Appreciation Of Most Exacting Critics

(By The Stinger.)

Arrayed in the glamorous habiliments of farce-comedy is an attraction being staged by WPA players at the Columbia Theater.

With genuine enjoyment I witnessed a play with excellent acting, unique situations (bordering on the impossible) and wonderful orchestral selections imparted by a company which for competency and efficiency of production could hardly be excelled.

The theme runs like this: A young and ambitious college graduate learns that a former classmate is employed in the president's office of a large banking institution and decides to pay him a visit. On the way he encounters adventure when he sees several men loading heavy packages onto trucks, and takes a hand in assisting, for the sake of exercise. Arriving at the bank, he finds a situation to his liking and establishes himself as an employee.

By fast talking and "bluff" he convinces the president and directors that he "belongs." He hatches up a fictitious project revolving around an abandoned brick and cement plant and "sells" the idea to the officers.

The play runs through the gamut of hilarious comedy to dark despair—forward and backward—until the denouement, which finds the culmination of the project and the re-opening of the cement plant and the establishment of the star as general manager.

The plot seems to review the general idea of the government's desire to assist the citizenry to help themselves, although the management disavows any connection between the promulgation of the play and federal aid encouragement.

The young leading man finds happiness in his marriage to the president's charming daughter and the play ends with much hilarity and hand shaking and back slapping over the successful ending to an almost impossible situation.

Hospital Installs New Therapy Tank

Completed at an expense of about \$5000, the new therapy tank in the Community Hospital for the treatment of infantile paralysis cases, is now in operation, Dr. Charles C. Gans, county health director, announced this week.

The tank, with equipment for chlorinating and changing the water, is one of the most modern in the state, and is a long needed addition to the hospital equipment.



Hugh Bradley Says

Tops as Trainer Sande Longs for Old Jockey Days

F AINT wrinkles—perhaps come from long afternoons of peering into blazing suns while galloping hell for leather down the home stretch—enriched upon his steady gray blue eyes now. The reddish hair is thinning on the top—perhaps worn away by the billions of pats inevitably, albeit figuratively, bestowed there by adoring bettors. Yet the Earle Sande who rides only saddle horses now—and mounts them only in the cool of the morning when



Earl Sande

few are present to heed or cheer—still is a slim young man who must be reckoned with around a race track. Examine the list of winners at the recently closed Hialeah meeting if you doubt that.

Sande brought seven horses to the meeting. That was a woefully small number as compared to roles of the mighty stables invited to try their luck at this race emporium. But Sande saddled fourteen winners, most of them triumphing with wide stretches of open daylight to spare. This is a rare success for a man who took up a new job scarcely three years ago. All the fingers of one hand would not be needed to count the veteran trainers, already wise in the ways of their profession when a slim Idaho kid was booting home his first big-time winner in 1913, who can boast of as much good fortune.

How does this once greatest of jockeys like the work to which he now has turned? We sat on a faded old brocade sofa in front of his barn door and talked about it, while thoroughbreds craned their necks out of nearby doors and his two dogs, a police and a red setter, clamored to divide Earle's attention.

"Yes, training was a lot different from riding. You had to pay attention to a lot of new things. Things you might have noted before but never had regarded as really important."

What things, for instance? Sande looked at his visitor, grinned, then fondled the setter's ears. "Well, just things."

The visitor changed the subject. What would Sande rather do? Prepare horses for some other jockey to win with or boot them home himself? There was a moment's hesitation, then earnest response.

"Why, ride them, of course. There was nothing in life like that. One of the hardest things to get over was not even being able to straddle some colt for a morning gallop on the track. But of course a fellow with so much weight couldn't do that. It wouldn't be fair to the horses."

Sande now weighs 125 as compared to the 115 or so of his best riding years. Was he training any riders to follow in his own renown?

"No, not now. Most of the jocks who rode for him were experienced fellows. Still he would like to do it some day. Real jockeys were born, not made, even though experience and training did smooth them out. What he would like to do was go back home to Idaho some day, find some little kid practically raised in the saddle and see what could be done with him."

Scenesifter, winner several days previously for the Maxwell Howard stable for which Sande trains, was whinnying from a nearby door. Sande rose, patted the colt on the nose several times, spoke to him and then returned.

Were horses just like people? Did you get to like some of them right away and were some of them almost impossible to understand?

"Surely, they were. There was little Billy Kelly who ran for Commander Ross almost twenty years ago. Billy was a gentle chap, liked to play and loved to be petted. Sir Barton, a far bigger money winner in the same barn and at the same time, also was a great horse, but he was inclined to be a bully."

What was the greatest horse Sande ever rode? The answer came without hesitation.

"Man o' War, of course. Big Red liked to have his own way and was kind of temperamental, but nobody made any mistake by calling him truly great. The others? Well, it was pretty hard to pick them in any kind of order. That Gallant Fox could run all day, Osmond was as good as anybody could wish."

NOT IN THE BOX SCORE:

MEL OTT has replaced the departed Mark Koenig as the best golfer among the Giants. He shoots in the low 80s and, like Carl Hubbell, with whom he plays two or three times a week in Florida, does it right-handed. Joe Moore is fairly good but inconsistent. If he does the outgoing nine in less than par he bobs up with a 50 coming home. By the same token, when he reaches the turn in sad state he usually plays the last nine in fine style. Adolfo Luque is the biggest eater among the Giants. Gus Mancuso tells the sad tale of the time when he invited the coach to dinner and saw him devour six dozen blue points without a letup. Bill Terry always turns to the financial quotations first when he opens his morning paper at breakfast. Long before he became a big-time ball player Sam Leslie, one of the easiest going of the Giants, was ambitious to become a professional prize fighter. Giants were not surprised when the Dodgers handed Freddy Lindstrom his unconditional release. They recalled that Freddy and Manager Grimes never were anything like pals.

The recent deaths of Judge Walter P. Steffen and Johnny O'Brien in Chicago cost intercollegiate football dearly. Steffen in early middle age had achieved a magnificent career as a player and a coach. O'Brien was a young man, just beginning to earn recognition as a coach at Notre Dame. As an athlete "One Play" Johnny O'Brien earned immortality in Notre Dame's football lore. Jack Dempsey continues in a quiet way his philanthropies among old cronies of the prize ring. Dandy Dick Griffin, a bantamweight from Texas who fought on the Dempsey-Carpenter card at Boyle's Thirty Acres, had two operations recently in New York to restore his sight. The old mauler is footing the bill.

Recalls When Schalk Used Six Gloves

When Ray Schalk was achieving fame with the White Sox he always brought at least six gloves into the dugout with him each day. Each of these gloves differed slightly from others in shape or the amount of padding and each of them had been built according to exact directions from Ray. This was because he figured each pitcher—Cicotte, Faber, Kerr and others—threw some particular type of ball which it took a special kind of glove to handle properly. Roy Henshaw, Cub pitcher traded to Brooklyn last winter, carries his own table tennis paddles with him on trips. He began practicing at midnight at the Dodgers' camp and had a visit from the house detective when the ball, bouncing off the wall, annoyed the guest in the next room. The detective was all for throwing him into a dungeon when Roy said Manager Burleigh Grimes could identify him. Grimes was the indignant party in the next room who had lodged the complaint.



Ray Schalk

Ted Lyons, dean of the White Sox pitchers, says Larry Rosenthal is the best center fielder the team has had since Johnny Mostil, and Mostil, according to Lyons, is the greatest he ever has seen. Emil Levens, pitcher for the Cleveland Indians under Tris Speaker, is now in charge of a creamery at Springfield, Ia., near Cedar Rapids. He has been director of junior baseball for the American Legion the last few years. One of the products of this program is Bob Feller, who had his start in baseball with the Valley Junction American Legion Junior club.

According to Joe Foley, promoter at the Chicago Stadium, reservations already in hand for the Louis-Braddock bout amount to nearly \$500,000. Larry Northcott, star wing of the Montreal Maroons, was a bank employee before entering professional hockey. The city fire chief runs the bowling alleys in Beaumont, Tex., and insists on his fire fighters keeping fit by rolling a few games daily. Bob Garbark, Toledo catcher, who is receiving a trial with the Cubs this spring, was mentioned on several all-star football teams for his work with the Gettysburg college eleven in 1932. Joe Savoldi is on a wrestling tour of South America.

William H. Lewis of Harvard was placed at center on the teams of 1892 and 1893 and still is named on many all-time all-America teams. He afterwards coached at his alma mater and became an assistant United States attorney general. Gibson White, owner of Rosalind the Hambletonian winner last year, is taking health treatments at Tucson, Ariz. Homer Martin, labor union official, was national hop, skip, and jump champion in 1924.

Baseball umpires in Cuba are at least as good as their semi-pro brethren in the U. S. The best of them is a gentleman named Raul Atan, whose ancestors lived in China. Probably because most of their stars are living examples of that "good field, no hit" crack of Mike Gonzales, Cuban fans applaud fielding feats more vigorously than they do occasional long distance blows. Fans are permitted to keep balls knocked into the stands, but the Cuban spectators are not in a class with Brooklyn fans when it comes to catching them.

'AMERICA'S MOST-KISSED MAN' DIES

Richmond Pearson Hobson, the "Man Who Sank the Merrimac," Was Strange Paradox of Hero and Public Heckler.

By WILLIAM C. UTLEY

REAR ADMIRAL RICHMOND PEARSON HOBSON probably was kissed by more women than any other man who ever lived, and now he is dead.

Admiral Hobson, from the time of his youth, was a paradoxical combination of Frank Merriwell and Sissy Bly. He was to one generation the perpetrator of what may be the most romantic, adventurous and heroic deed ever performed in the service of the American flag. Yet he was to be remembered by the last American generation that knew him as a blue-nosed reformer, a trite flag-waver who nursed a penchant for frightening little children with staggering accounts of foul oriental evils lurking in wait for them at every school corner.

When, in 1889, Hobson was graduated first in his class from the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis he was cheered enthusiastically. He was leaving. Most of his classmates hadn't spoken to him for two years. It was one of his duties as a cadet to report the misdemeanors of other cadets; this he had done so expertly and consistently that he was easily the most unpopular cadet in the academy.

He was a crusader from the start. In his post-academy days he attempted to convince the country, through scientific journals, that there was inevitably to be a World war, but he failed to arouse America enough to begin arming for it. The outbreak of the Spanish-American war found him a naval constructor with the rank of Lieutenant, aboard Rear Admiral William Thomas Sampson's flagship, the New York.

Hobson Volunteers.

Aboard the New York, young Hobson was crusading for the construction of five unsinkable vessels, and told Admiral Sampson they could be used to sweep the mines from the entrance to Havana harbor. When Sampson told him that he was far more interested in sinking one American ship than building five unsinkable ones, the lieutenant was astounded but offered to do the job anyway. It was in the line of duty.

Sampson had ordered Admiral Schley, who was off Santiago de Cuba, to sink a collier in the narrow channel at the harbor entrance and thus bottle up the Spanish fleet inside. Schley, not believing in the wisdom of the act, ignored the order. Sampson still favored the idea and, on their way to Santiago, he and Hobson discussed plans for sinking the collier Merrimac on a night in early June when there would be sufficient moonlight for the navigator to place the ship in position, yet there would be an hour or so of darkness between moonset and daybreak. Torpedoes abreast the bulkheads and cargo hatches were to be fired by an electric primer to sink the craft.

The entire American fleet received the call for volunteers to accompany Hobson. This was no child's play. With the exception of Admiral Sampson, there was hardly a soul aboard the New York who believed the emergency crew would return alive. Yet hundreds offered to go.

Seven were taken: George Charrette, Daniel Montague, Francis Kelly, Randolph Clausen, Osborn W. Deignan, J. E. Murphy and George F. Phillips. Hobson also took along an American flag, to be unfurled at the proper moment, just as the Merrimac was starting her dive toward Davy Jones' locker.

A Motley Crew.

The flag was never unfurled, for just about come time for the unfurling, there were shot and shell popping all around our hero's ears and there was little room for tradition. Even at the outset, the odds were perhaps against the Merrimac's ever getting to the narrow part of the channel. She had to steam right under the nose of the Morro Castle fortification and the great battery behind it. The Spanish gunners' aim was notoriously rotten, but at such close range!

A weird looking crew they were as the collier got under way at 1:30 a. m., June 4, 1898. Their apparel consisted of long underwear, two pairs of socks each, life preservers, cartridge belts and revolvers. Just as if a Hollywood scenarist had written it, there popped from nowhere the inevitable stowaway. It was Clausen, who had not been chosen, but came of his own accord. It was a brave gesture and Hobson, after reprimanding him, permitted him to continue.

Hobson's plan was to cruise to within 2,000 yards of the channel, then order full speed ahead (for here they were almost certain to be discovered and fired upon) until there were only 200 yards left to go. Here the engines would be shut off and the Merrimac allowed to coast into the channel, where it would be sunk. Any of the crew who survived the sinking were to swim to a life boat astern or to a catamaran (raft) brought along as a last resort.

At the outset Hobson, speaking in the dime novel hero fashion which was to characterize his countless public orations in later life, exclaimed, "Charette, lad, we're going to make it tonight! There is no power under heaven that can keep us out the channel!"

He was talking through his hat. The Merrimac proceeded, apparent-

ly without the Spaniards' notice, to 300 yards from the channel, when a Spanish picket boat began firing at its rudder without success. Then the first of the land batteries opened and as the collier neared its objective more batteries joined the firing.

Aid from the Enemy.

One projectile tore the pilothouse completely off the Merrimac. By some miracle, no one was injured, although Hobson and Deignan were inside it at the time. But the steering gear was gone and they could no longer control the ship. Exploding shells destroyed the connections with the torpedoes and they were unable to sink it where they wanted to.

They began to realize that the Spanish gunners might accomplish their purpose for them, and sure enough, after a few direct hits and after striking a few mines, the Merrimac began to settle to the bottom. But it was not sinking fast enough to go down before it had drifted past the narrow channel where it would have trapped the Spanish fleet.

Unable to pursue his plans for the flag, young Hobson decided to amuse himself by feeling his pulse, and despite the shot and shell he found it normal. "If anything, more phlegmatic than usual," he later wrote.

In another few minutes the Spanish cruiser Reina Mercedes and the destroyer Pluton let fly with



Admiral Hobson Shortly Before His Death.

two torpedoes at such close range that even Spaniards couldn't miss, and down went the Merrimac to a hero's watery grave. The eight men, two of them wounded, went down, too—and came right back up again.

Rescued by Spanish Admiral.

Their lifeboat had been shattered, so they swam to the catamaran, hanging on with only their heads above water so they were less likely to be spotted. But they were, after an hour and a half in the cold water, found by a launch containing no less a person than Admiral Cervera of the Spanish fleet.

They were treated gently. Cervera himself helped Hobson aboard. The latter and his men were given hot coffee and dry clothes. Hobson was even then melodramatic in speech. "Oh, God," he exclaimed, perhaps twirling his mustachios which curled romantically two inches from either side of his lip, "has life ever gone through such a fire and never a man lost!"

The Spaniards, hearing that not a man was lost, and having rescued only eight, were dumfounded and were doubly dumfounded when Hobson told them that he had been trying harder than they had to sink the Merrimac. Hobson and his men became heroes, even to the Spaniards, and were treated with every courtesy, although they were imprisoned in Morro Castle. When Cervera visited him in his cell, decked out in an admiral's full dress splendor, Hobson struck an attitude and declared, "All chivalry is not yet dead!"

After a few weeks Hobson and all of his men were traded back to the American navy for the release of an equal number of Spanish prisoners. Their welcome was one which befitted them as heroes, and from that moment until his death, Richmond Pearson Hobson was to bask in the reflected glory of his adventure with the Merrimac. His seven aides were soon given the congressional medal of honor, but Hobson, being an officer, could not receive



Hobson as a Young Officer.

it. He was finally presented with it by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1933.

Arriving back in New York, Hobson was mobbed by hero-worshippers. Wherever he went, they sang after him:

"Mr. Hobson, Mr. Hobson, You're a dandy, you're a peach, And the brightest blooming pebble That is shining on the beach."

One woman threw her arms about him and kissed him. This started a craze which greeted him wherever he went, for he was a handsome devil and a hero. One newspaper reported that in Kansas City alone 417 women kissed him at the railroad station. At Topeka it was reported that at least 200 women kissed him, indicating that perhaps the prairies are not so dry, after all. He didn't object much.

Hobson Becomes Reformer.

But women soon began forgetting to kiss him, and the newspapers began to forget he existed. After rising rapidly in the ranks of the navy, his eyes went bad while he was serving in China. He applied for retirement on a pension, but did not get it, so resigned from the service.

Here began the second phase of his life. He became a crusader in earnest, first to make America mistress of the seas by getting congress to appropriate funds for a navy equal to the combined total of all the other navies in the world. He used as his principal excuse the charge that Japan was preparing to attack us, and was one of the first to bring up the Japanese war scare, trying to get both political parties to acknowledge it in their platforms in 1912. He was exquisitely vague in the evidence he presented, and prone to exaggeration as he was in later campaigns against the demon rum and the drug evil. He made over 1,000 speeches in behalf of his naval building program.

He was continually worrying congress for legislation prohibiting the sale of alcohol, and as a representative from Alabama, he was the first to introduce a prohibition amendment into congress. He soon became the most prominent figure in the prohibition drive. He told congress, "I cannot look upon the saloon otherwise than as an assassin" and "the result of all averages and estimates known showed it (alcohol) to be the greatest single cause of death."

Congress Turns Him Down.

Once the prohibition amendment was passed, Admiral Hobson took up "dope"—that is, he took up the fight against the drug evil. He asserted that there were a million addicts, many of them children. He tried to have congress print and distribute 50,000,000 copies of a pamphlet warning children of the untold torments that might await them if ever they took the invitation of a stranger to "eat, drink or sniff" anything. A federal expert, called in, testified that there were at the very most, 150,000 addicts in the country. Practically none of them children. He testified:

"I think the direct effect of the article would be to create a certain number of cases of severe neurosis and insanity and a certain number of cases of addiction by reason of the psychopath will want this new sensation. . . . Some of the statements about the number of addicts are simply absurd; the opium does not exist to supply them."

Congress refused to print the pamphlet.

But Admiral Hobson continued his crusading, and at the time of his death from a heart attack on March 16, 1937, at the age of sixty-six, he was still starting associations to prohibit something or other, or to secure some sort of legislation. Among them were the International Narcotic Education association, the World Conference on Narcotic Education, the World Narcotic Defense association, the Public Welfare association (and Americanism Clearing House), and if that one doesn't stop you, the Constitutional Democracy association.

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OF INTEREST TO THE HOUSEWIFE

Date Kisses — Thirty stoned dates, one cup almonds, white one egg, one cup powdered sugar. Chop dates; blanch almonds and cut into long strips. Beat egg very stiff, add sugar, dates and almonds. Drop in buttered tins with teaspoon and bake in quick oven.

If you store eggs with the small ends down they will keep better.

If sirup for hotcakes is heated before serving it brings out the flavor of the sirup and does not chill the hotcakes.

Filling for a sponge cake is made by creaming three ounces of fresh butter and six ounces of sifted icing sugar, adding two ounces of chopped pineapple and a little pineapple syrup.

To keep the crease in men's trousers, turn them inside out and soap down the crease with a piece of dry soap, then turn back to the right side and press, using a damp cloth. The crease will remain for a long time.

If a hot cinder falls on your carpet and damages it; repair it with wool. Buy skeins of wool to match the colors in your carpet. Fill in the damaged part with loops of the various wools, following the pattern as nearly as possible. The loops should be tightly packed together and made slightly higher than the pile of your carpet.

Stockings can become a very expensive item for the mother of school-children—who are always falling down and tearing big holes in the knees. Try this way of repairing an outside hole: Take a piece of strong net to match the stocking and place over the hole on the inside of the stocking. Then darn the hole with wool that exactly matches the stocking on the right side of the stocking through the net. The repair, you will find, will be scarcely visible.

A thin syrup of sugar and water flavored with almond essence is good to sweeten fruit cup.

When the frying pan has got slightly burnt, drop a raw peeled potato into the pan for a few minutes. Then remove it, and all traces of burning will have disappeared.

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Don't Sleep When Gas Presses Heart

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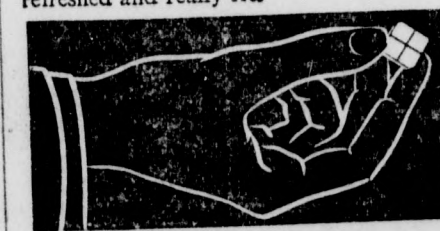
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ONE of the best known medical men in the U. S. was the late Dr. R. V. Pierce of Buffalo, N. Y., who was born on a farm in Pa. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription has for nearly 70 years been helping women who have headache and backache associated with functional disturbances, and older women who experience heat flashes. By increasing the appetite this tonic helps to rebuild the body. Buy of your druggist. New size, tabs., 50c, liquid \$1.



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The GARDEN MURDER CASE

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CHAPTER VIII—Continued

"By George! I did hear something, now that you put it that way. I thought nothing of it at the time, since Woody was already dead. But just as I re-entered the stairway there was an explosion of some kind outside. I thought it was a car back-firing down in the street, and paid no attention to it."

"That's very interesting" . . . Vance's eyes drifted off into space. "I wonder . . . But to continue your tale. You say you left the roof immediately and came downstairs. But there were at least ten minutes from the time you left the garden to the time I encountered you entering the apartment at the front door. How and where did you spend these ten intervening minutes?"

"I stayed on the landing of the stairs and smoked a couple of cigarettes. I was trying to pull myself together."

Heath stood up quickly, one hand in his outside coat pocket, and thrust out his jaw belligerently toward the agitated Kroon.

"What kind of cigarettes do you smoke?" he barked.

The man looked at the Sergeant in bewilderment, and then said: "I smoke gold-tipped Turkish cigarettes. What about it?"

Heath drew his hand from his pocket and looked at something which he held on his palm.

"All right," he muttered. Then he addressed Vance. "I got the stubs here. Picked 'em up on the landing when I came up from the dame's apartment."

"Well, well," sneered Kroon. "So the police actually found something! . . . What more do you want?" he demanded of Vance.

"Nothing for the moment, thank you," Vance returned with exaggerated courtesy. "You have done very well by yourself this afternoon, Mr. Kroon. We won't need you any more."

Kroon went to the door without a word.

"A good story," Markham commented dryly when Kroon had gone. "Yes, yes. Good. But reluctant," Vance appeared disturbed. "Do you believe it?"

"My dear Markham, I keep an open mind, neither believin' nor disbelievin' . . . Prayin' for facts. But no facts yet. Drama everywhere, but no substance."

There was a rustle in the passageway, and Madge Weatherby came rushing into the study, with Heath following and protesting vigorously. It was obvious that Miss Weatherby had dashed up the stairs before anyone could interfere with her.

"What's the meaning of this?" she demanded imperiously. "You're letting Cecil Kroon go, after what I've told you? And I"—she indicated herself with a dramatic gesture—"I am being held here, a prisoner."

"The fact is, Miss Weatherby," said Vance, returning to his chair, "Mr. Kroon explained his brief absence this afternoon lucidly and with impelling logic. It seems that he was doing nothing more reprehensible than conferring with Miss Stella Frumon and a brace of attorneys."

"Ah!" The woman's eyes glared with venom. "Quite so. He was breaking off with the lady for ever and ever."

"Is that the truth?" Miss Weatherby straightened in her chair.

"Yes, yes. No subterfuge. Kroon said you were jealous of Stella. Thought I'd relieve your mind."

"Why didn't he tell me, then?"

"There's always the possibility you didn't give him a chance."

The woman nodded vigorously. "Yes, that's right. I wouldn't speak to him when he returned here this afternoon."

"Care to revamp your original theory?" asked Vance. "Or do you still think that Kroon is the culprit?"

"I—I really don't know now," the woman answered hesitantly. "When I last spoke to you I was terribly upset. . . . Maybe it was all my imagination."

Vance looked at the woman quizzically. "Since you're not so sure that Kroon did the deed, have you any other suggestions?"

There was a tense silence. Miss Weatherby's face seemed to contract. She drew in her lips.

"Yes!" she exploded, leaning toward Vance with a new enthusiasm. "It was Zalia Graem who killed Woody! She had the motive, as you call it. She's capable of such things, too. There was something between her and Woody. Then she chucked him over. He didn't have enough money to suit her. You saw the way they acted toward each other today."

"Have you any idea as to how

she managed the crime?" Vance asked quietly.

"She was out of the drawing-room long enough, wasn't she?"

"Poignant question. Situation very mysterious," Vance rose slowly and bowed to the woman. "Thanks awfully—we're most grateful. And we shall not hold you prisoner any longer."

When she had gone Markham grinned sourly.

"The lady is well equipped with suspects. What do you make of this new accusation?"

Vance was frowning. "Animosity shunted from Monsieur Kroon to La Graem. Yes. Queer situation. Logically speaking, this new accusation is more reasonable than her first. It has its points . . . If only I could get that disconnected buzzer out of my mind. It must fit somewhere . . . And that second shot—the one we all heard."

Vance again moved to the buzzer and inspected it with care. "No indications of a mechanism."

"It could have been removed before the repair man arrived," theorized Markham without enthusiasm.

"Yes, another possibility. I had thought of that too. But the opportunity was lacking. I came in here immediately after I had found the johnnie shot. . . . He took the cigarette from his lips and straightened up. 'By Jove! Someone might have slipped in here when we all dashed upstairs after the shot. Remote chance, though.'"

"Does the buzzer connect with any other room besides the den?" asked Markham.

Vance shook his head. "No. That's the only connection."

"Didn't you say there was someone in the den at the time you heard this shot?"

Vance's gaze swept past Markham.

"Yes. Zalia Graem was there. Ostensibly telephoning." His voice, I thought, was a little bitter.

"We might get more information from the young woman herself," Markham put in sarcastically.

"Oh, yes. Quite. Obvious procedure. But I have a few queries to put to Garden first. Pavin' the



He Sank Limply Into a Chair.

way, as it were. I say, Sergeant, collect Floyd Garden and bring him here."

Garden came into the room unsteadily and looking slightly haggard. "What a mess!" he sighed, sinking dismally into a chair. "Any light on the case?"

"A few fitful illuminations," Vance told him. "By the by, it seems that your guests walk in and out the front door without the formality of ringing or being announced."

"Oh, yes. But only when we're playing the races. Much more convenient. Saves annoyance and interruptions."

"And another thing: when Miss Graem was phoning in the den and you suggested that she tell the gentleman to call back later, did you actually know that it was a man she was talking to?"

Garden opened his eyes in mild surprise.

"Why, no. I was merely ragging her. Hadn't the faintest idea. But, if it makes any difference, I'm sure Sneed could give you the information, if Miss Graem won't. Sneed answered the phone, you know."

"It's of no importance," Vance brushed the matter aside. "It might interest you to know, however, that the buzzer in this room failed to function because someone had carefully disconnected the wires."

"The devil you say!"

"Oh, yes. Quite." Vance fixed Garden with a significant look. "This buzzer, if I understand it correctly, is operated only from the den, and when we heard the shot, Miss Graem was in the den. Incidentally, the shot we all heard was not the shot that killed Swift. The fatal shot had been fired at least five minutes before that. Swift never even knew whether he had won or lost his bet."

Garden's gaze was focused on Vance with wide-eyed awe.

"God God, man!" He shook his head despondently. "This thing is getting hellish."

"By the by," said Vance, "Miss Weatherby tried to convince us that Miss Graem shot Swift."

"Has she any grounds for such an accusation?"

"Only that Miss Graem had a grudge of some kind against Swift and detested him thoroughly, and that, at the supposed time of his demise, Miss Graem was absent from the drawing-room. Doubts that she was in the den phoning all the time. Thinks she was up here, busily engaged in murder."

Garden drew rapidly on his pipe and seemed to be thinking.

"Do you yourself regard Miss Graem as capable of a cold-blooded, skillfully planned murder?"

Garden pursed his lips and frowned.

"Damn it, Vance! I can't answer that question. Frankly, I don't know who is and who isn't capable of murder. The younger set today are all bored to death, intolerant of every restraint, living beyond their means, digging up scandal, seeking sensations of every type. Zalia is little different from the rest, as far as I can see. She always seems to be stepping on the gas and exceeding the speed limits. How far she would actually go, I'm not prepared to say. Who is, for that matter? It may be merely a big circus parade with her, or it may be fundamental—a violent reaction from respectability."

"A vivid, though not a sweet, character sketch," murmured Vance. "One might say offhand that you are rather fond of her but don't approve."

Garden laughed awkwardly.

"I can't say that I dislike Zalia. Most men do like her—though I don't think any of them understand her. I know I don't. There's some impenetrable wall around her. She's either damned superficial or deep as hell—I can't make up my mind which. As to her status in this present situation . . . well, I don't know. It wouldn't surprise me in the least if Madge was right about her. Zalia has staggered me a couple of times—can't exactly explain it. You remember, when you asked me about father's revolver, I told you Zalia had discovered it in that desk and staged a scene with it in this very room. Well, Vance, my blood went cold at the time. There was something in the way she did it, and in the tone of her voice, that made me actually fear that she was fully capable of shooting up the party. I was relieved when she put the gun back and shut the drawer . . . All I can say," he added, "is that I don't wholly understand her."

"No. Of course not. No one can wholly understand another person. If anyone could he'd understand everything. Not a comfortin' thought for a while, won't you?"

Garden seemed to breathe more freely on being dismissed, and with a mumbled acquiescence, moved toward the door.

"Oh, by the by," Vance called after him. "One other little point I wish to ask you about."

Garden waited politely.

"Why," asked Vance, blowing a ribbon of smoke toward the ceiling, "didn't you place Swift's bet on Equanimity?"

CHAPTER IX

The man gave a start, and his jaw dropped. He barely rescued his pipe from falling to the floor.

"You didn't place it, don't you know," Vance went on dulcetly. "Rather interestin' point, in view of the fact that your cousin was not destined to live long enough to collect the wager, even if Equanimity had won. And in the circumstances, had you placed it, you would now be saddled with a \$10,000 debt—since Swift is no longer able to settle."

"God Almighty, stop it, Vance!" Garden exploded. He sank limply into a chair. "How do you know I didn't place Woode's bet?"

Vance regarded the man with searching eyes.

"No bookie would take a bet of that size five minutes before post time. He couldn't absorb it."

"Don't Hannek—"

"But make a Wall-Street financier of Hannek for my benefit," Vance admonished quietly. "And another thing: I happened to be sitting in a strategic position near your table when you pretended to place Swift's bet. You very deftly pulled the cord taut over the plunger of the telephone when you picked up the receiver. You were talking in to a dead phone."

Garden capitulated.

"All right, Vance," he said. "I didn't place the bet. But if you think, for one moment, that I had any suspicion that Woody was going to be shot his afternoon, you're wrong."

"My dear fellow!" Vance sighed with annoyance. "I'm not thinkin'. Higher intelligence not at work at the moment. Mind a blank. Only tryin' to add up a few figures. Ten thousand dollars is a big item. It changes our total—eh, what? . . . But you haven't told me why you didn't place the bet."

Garden rose angrily.

"I didn't want him to lose the money," he asserted aggressively. "I knew what it would mean to him."

"Yes, yes. The Good Samaritan. Very touchin'. But suppose Equanimity had won, and your cousin had survived—what about the payoff?"

(TO BE CONTINUED)

Contagious Smiles

The clouds can hide the sun, but all the clouds in the world can't hide a smile; nor can the doctors invent a medicine that will keep smiles from being contagious.

CALIFORNIA News of the Week

Transients Off Relief Rolls
Sacramento.—Refusal to return to their home States caused 150 transient families to be removed from the Sacramento County relief rolls last week.

Western Artist Dies
Ukiah.—Mrs. Grace Hudson, one of the West's leading painters of Indian life, died of a heart attack at her home here. Born near Ukiah, Mrs. Hudson lived in that section all her life.

Motor Truck Sales Gain
San Francisco.—Sales of commercial motor vehicles rose 13 per cent in California in January over the same month a year ago. New registration totaled 1848 trucks, compared with 1641 in January, 1936.

Child-Bride Asks Divorce
Grass Valley.—Just a month after her wedding, Violet Hale's child-bride romance floundered. Violet, said to be about 15 years of age, charged her husband, John Valleschini, 22, with cruelty in a divorce suit filed here.

Shortridge Fined As Drunk Driver
Lodi.—Samuel M. Shortridge, 36, former Deputy United States district attorney and son of the former United States Senator, pleaded guilty here on a charge of drunken driving. He was fined \$50 and his driver's license suspended.

Dives Off Bay Bridge, May Live
Lodi.—Ray Woods, professional diver, leaped from the San Francisco-Oakland bay bridge and was taken from the water with a broken back. Doctors gave him a 50-50 chance of living, but no chance at all of ever walking again. Wood's wife and mother watched the 186-foot plunge, which was done as a publicity stunt.

Warships In Bay Bridge Fete
San Francisco.—A fleet of 150 United States warships will arrive in San Francisco harbor May 23 to participate in the Golden Gate Bridge opening. Admiral Arthur J. Heburn, commander of the fleet, announced. The ships will arrive direct from six weeks' maneuvers at sea. The bridge opening fiesta will be from May 27 to June 2.

Father and Son Electrocutted
Hinkley (San Bernardino Co.).—Anton Speth, 52, and his son George, 17, were electrocuted in a freak accident on a desert ranch near here, when a cable Speth was attempting to hurl over the rigging of a hay-stacking machine fell across a power line. The 4000-volt charge instantly killed first the older man, and a moment later, his son, who sought to rescue him.

Mission Swallows Return
San Juan Capistrano.—The swallows returned to the old mission here on March 19, keeping alive a tradition that the birds, harbingers of Spring, always arrive on St. Joseph's Day. Padres at the mission, founded by Father Junipero Serra in 1776, assert that the swallows have not failed to return on the appointed day for 125 years. The birds' winter habitat is not known.

480 Children Die In Auto Accidents
Sacramento.—A total of 480 children were killed and 10,759 were injured in California automobile accidents during 1936, according to the State motor vehicle department. Automobile deaths exceeded the number of children killed in the school disaster at New London, Texas, and is the greatest number of deaths and injuries to children in the history of the State, the department said.

68,000 Get Old Age Pensions
Sacramento.—A total of \$2,147,316.57 was distributed to 68,034 aged Californians in the form of State old age pensions last month, an average of \$31.56. Los Angeles County reported the heaviest burden, 25,895 persons there receiving \$839,238. San Francisco was second with 5363 persons receiving \$175,712, while Alameda was in third place with 4716 individuals receiving \$147,136.

Hoovers' Son Marries
Los Angeles.—Allan Henry Hoover, youngest son of former President and Mrs. Herbert Hoover, and Miss Margaret Cokerly were married at the home of the bride's parents here. The bridegroom's parents attended the ceremony. The young Hoovers will make their home on the Hoover ranch near Bakersfield.

Bottles To Chart Ocean Currents
Santa Barbara.—Co-operating with the Scripps Institute of Oceanography at La Jolla, the State division of fish and game has sent a survey ship out from here to drop some 6,000 wine bottles on a 500-mile southeast course, in an effort to determine ocean surface currents. Each bottle will contain instructions to the finder to fill out and return a prepared post card to the fisheries laboratory at San Pedro. Instructions are written in both English and Spanish.

Keeping Up With Science By Science Service

Air Moisture Causes Costly Losses in Power Transmission

Important Discovery Is Made at Harvard

Cambridge, Mass.—Losses in high-tension power transmission are expected to be considerably reduced through the discovery at the Harvard graduate school of engineering that moisture in the air is the hitherto unsuspected cause of the costly inefficiency of the porcelain and glass insulators used on the lines.

The discovery, made by Prof. Chester L. Dawes and Dr. Reuben Reiter, was enabled by their perfection of a high-voltage bridge with which it is possible to detect the tiniest flaws in high-voltage insulation, a problem that has troubled electrical engineers for some time.

With the instrument, scientists can now enter an entirely new field of research in insulation and thus possibly bring man closer to his dreams of managing tremendous amounts of power safely and efficiently by revealing the causes of insulator "flashovers" which so frequently paralyze power lines.

Tentative findings also indicate that one of the causes of radio interference is due to high-voltage "static" discharges over the surface of these insulators.

Unknown for Thirty Years.

That moisture in the air could cause such flashovers and short circuits was unknown during the 30 years that insulators of this type have been in use until the two Harvard scientists began a series of delicate measurements with the Dawes bridge. These showed that atmospheric humidity, or moisture in the air, produces not only a pronounced power loss over the insulator but that the loss is greater over a period of time than if the scientists began with a clean insulator. The greater the moisture in the air, it was found, the greater is the loss. Cleaning the insulator by vigorous rubbing with a chamois cloth, however, was found to return the power to its initial value.

This led to the assumption that a permanent deposit forms on the surface of the insulator and decreases its efficiency, an assumption later confirmed by observations through a special "dark-field" microscope which readily reveals minute surface irregularities. The deposit, it was found, takes the form of millions of tiny islands which, because of difficulties of observation, are not visible with an ordinary microscope.

What Causes the Leakage.

The islands are formed, the two scientists believe, by the activating effect of high-voltage corona, or electrical discharge, on the air and the moisture contained in it. This action causes the nitrogen in the air and the moisture to form nitrous and nitric acid, which, acting with the metal of the insulator cap and tin, form the deposit. The exact composition of the islands is being further investigated, however, by chemical, X-ray and microscopic means.

Under normal conditions of the corona and atmospheric humidity, the resulting power leakage probably amounts to only a watt or so per hour for each insulator. With the accumulation of deposit, however, this loss increases with time, and for some systems may amount to a tremendous number of kilowatt-hours per year.

More important, however, according to Prof. Dawes, is the fact that the deposit is semi-conductive, and reduces the length of the insulating path over the insulator surface.

Natural Acid May Be Used to Protect Plants

London.—Arsenic, lead, copper and other mineral poisons now used to protect plants against fungus, bacterial and insect enemies may find practicable and harmless replacement in an acid naturally formed by living plants, suggests Maurice Copisarow, Manchester biologist.

The substance is known as maleic acid. Experiments have shown that it exercises an inhibitory effect on the growth of micro-organisms of decay, and Mr. Copisarow suggests that its effect may extend also to viruses hidden in dormant seeds and to insects in early stages of development. This same natural inhibitor, he adds, is probably transformed into the natural accelerator of fruit ripening, ethylene, by a chemical change involving the liberation of carbon dioxide.

My Favorite Recipe

By
Billie Burke
Actress

English Mock Cheese Cake
1½ cups flour
¼ teaspoon salt
¼ cup boiling water
¼ cup butter
¼ cup sugar
1 cup fresh-grated coconut
2 eggs
2 teaspoons cream
1 teaspoon vanilla

Make a rich pie paste of the flour, salt, three-quarters cup of butter and the boiling water. Roll out, cut in rounds, and line muffin tins with it.

Make a filling of the quarter cup of butter, well creamed; add the sugar and well-beaten eggs, cream and vanilla. Fold in the coconut, fill the lined tins, and bake in a moderate oven until a delicate brown, and they are set. These may be topped with whipped cream when they are cool.

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Foreign Words and Phrases

Sine qua non. (L.) Without which not; an indispensable condition.

Absque hoc. (L.) Without this. Ex parte. (L.) Of or from one side only.

Non est inventus. (L.) He has not been found.

Pax vobiscum! (L.) Peace be with you!

Statu quo ante bellum. (L.) As it was before the war.

Sur le tapis. (F.) On the carpet; under consideration.

Vinculum matrimonii. (L.) The bond of matrimony.



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SEABISCUIT WILL GET TOP WEIGHT FOR HANDICAP

Many Classy Thoroughbreds Will Compete In Feature Race On Getaway Day

Seabiscuit, brilliant four year old stake star in the stable of Charles S. Howard of San Francisco, received top weight of 124 pounds for the \$10,000 added Marchbank Handicap, to be run here April 17. Racing Secretary Julius G. Reeder raised him four pounds off his last race at Santa Anita, which was easily the most impressive performance turned in by any thoroughbred at the Los Angeles course during the winter season.

Seabiscuit raced to a new track record of 1:48 4-5 for the mile and one eighth in his closing Santa Anita performance, winning the San Juan Capistrano Handicap in a gallop over Grand Manitou, Special Agent, Indian Broom and other toplineers.

He was beaten a scant head by Rosemont in the \$100,000 Santa Anita Handicap in his previous start and many observers contend that he was the better horse.

Seabiscuit has been training well here, and is in excellent shape and is the certain favorite for the first renewal of the mile and one eighth classic.

Indian Broom, victorious over Top Row and Azucar in the first running of the Marchbank Handicap last year, will again shoot for the rich prize. He sped to a new world's record of 1:47 3-5 in his triumph a year ago. He drew 116 pounds, second in the weight adjustments, for the race this season.

Special Agent, the thoroughbred which blazed a smoking trail in the Santa Anita Handicap until the top turn, will run coupled with Indian Broom as the Major Austin C. Taylor entry. He finished fourth, just behind Indian Broom, in the Santa Anita.

Another crack entry in the engagement is the H. C. Hatch pair, Ariel Cross, and Sweepstaff, levelly weighted at 112 pounds. Both are training impressively for the stake. The French importation, Grand Manitou, owned by Raoul Walsh of Hollywood, received 110 pounds. He finished second to Seabiscuit in the last handicap of the season at Santa Anita.

Sixteen thoroughbreds in all were weighted for the stake and it is likely that most of them will accept the issue.

Out Of Towners At San Bruno Dinner

Five members of the Broodmoor Men's Club of San Leandro were guests of the San Bruno Men's Club at a dinner held in the Community Church Monday evening of this week.

Reverend J. H. McCartney of the Broodmoor Community Church discussed the value of their club to the church. Charles Roberts, past president of the San Leandro Club, led group singing. He also told of club participation in civic improvement projects. Leonard Keefe, Floyd Connell and Byron Turner also were evening speakers.

Thirty local men attended the dinner and the meeting that followed. The San Bruno Men's Club meets the last Monday evening of each month at the Community Church. All local men are invited to attend the social gathering.

POINT SAN PEDRO ROCKAWAY BEACH

Easter open house at the coast villages brought guests a plenty down from the city to enjoy the marvelously lovely day. One Rockaway resident had 20 dinner guests and other homes report heavy lists of town visitors. The resorts also did a holiday business, with town cars parked thick wherever parking was available. The sea, however, was rough, too rough to be inviting to fishing parties, and the boats stayed ashore. The thick scum of oil is still on the water, and not only the unfortunate sea birds, but also the fish and crabs have fallen afoul of it and become soaked with the sticky stuff.

Friends of Edna Holling (Mrs. Carl Holling) were shocked to learn that she had passed away last week at a San Francisco hospital following an operation. The handsome Holling week end summer home, on the Pedro cliffs overlooking the sea, has been the scene of many hospitalities and holiday parties. Mrs. Holling was well known in a wide social circle for her friendly kindness, her generous, whole hearted character, and the sincere personality that made her a favorite. She was connected with a number of distinguished people, among them being her sister, the eminent Judge Theresa Meikle of San Francisco. Sympathy is expressed for her devoted husband Carl.

Mrs. Virginia Bragg of San Francisco is visiting her sister, Mrs. Santa of Pedro Beach. She expects to remain over until after her birthday, April 16.

Mrs. Grace Danmann, who has been ill in the city for several weeks past, has returned to her home in Pedro. Harry Danmann is confined to his bed, suffering from varicose veins in his legs.

Fred Bohr, his wife and Leo Harris spent the Easter week end at Pedro.

Prince, handsome black horse of the Harry Rees stable, got stuck in the deep mud and clay of the new highway between Rockaway and Pedro last Sunday afternoon. Hours of strenuous work followed to free him, but dusk came and the poor beast still struggled vainly. He was buried nearly to his neck. Harry at last went home for his gun to put the horse out of misery, but Budd Stuart managed to drag loose one of the horse's legs, and finally freed the animal. Harry couldn't say enough in praise of the rescue.

A birthday luncheon party was given honoring a sister of Harry Rees, Madge, wife of Dr. W. J. Barry, Monday of this week at a popular San Francisco restaurant. Guests were Mesdames N. Mahlmann, J. Black, J. Amitt, A. Francis and Miss Kelher. After luncheon the guests drove down to see Harry. Mrs. Barry is a sculptor. She does artistic work and won a grand prize for her remarkable modeled portrait of Woodrow Wilson several years ago. Her work has been exhibited in Paris.

Dr. and Mrs. John Walsh of San Francisco visited the Haugaards at Shelter Cove on Easter Sunday.

Mrs. Jennie Bicknell served an Easter feast to 20 guests at the Troglia home, Sunday of this week.

Fire damaged the Lorenz Hotel at Redding, Cal., early this week, to the extent of \$75,000. No injuries were reported.

GLAMOROUS RUSSIAN ACTRESS ACCLAIMED ON CURRAN STAGE



Eugenie Leontovich, petite Russian actress, who has been acclaimed by San Francisco theatergoers for her exceptionally colorful portrayal of the Grand Duchess Tatiana Petrovna in "Tovarich," the hit comedy now on the Curran stage, has been given flattering offers to appear in Chicago this fall with her entire company intact. She is keeping this offer under advisement as "Tovarich" is continuing to draw capacity audiences to the Curran nightly.

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Large Sum Netted At Boy Scout Whist

A sum of \$56.50 was netted at the Boy Scout whist held Friday of last week in the Legion Hall. Proceeds will be used to help defray expenses of two scouts who will be sent as local representatives to the national jamboree in Washington, D. C., in June.

A theater party at El Camino Theater April 19 next is on the program to raise money for jamboree expenses.

The patronage of the public is solicited. Scouts have tickets for sale.

IN JAIL—GLAD

Mrs. Benjamin H. Blair said, "I'm glad my son is in jail," when she learned that her 22 year old boy, Vachel Lindsay Blair, nephew of the poet, Vachel Lindsay, had been arrested in France as he attempted to enter Spain to join the loyalist army.

"He'll be out of danger there," said the mother.

Northbrae P. T. A. To Give Benefit

Valuable prizes will be awarded winners at the Northbrae P. T. A. whist to be given Friday evening of next week. School children are now selling tickets for the affair and Mrs. R. Bottari, chairman, is preparing for a record crowd.

Funds raised by the whist will be used to buy milk for undernourished children and to maintain a P. T. A. dental clinic. The public is cordially invited to attend this affair.

Silver Seal Program Held In Sharp Park

A silver seal program was conducted Friday of last week by Mr. and Mrs. George Anderson at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Eakin, Sharp Park.

Those present were Mrs. M. O. Anderson, Mrs. W. Goggin, Mr. and Mrs. Haslam, Mariam W. Johnston, Evelyn Stearns, Harold A. Vincent, Claire Anthony, Mr. and Mrs. George Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Herb Eakin.

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Visitacion and Bayshore News

SURVEY SHOWS PER CAPITA TAX IN COUNTY LOW

General Levies For Current Purposes Falls More Than \$4 Below Average

Per capita general county taxes for current purposes in San Mateo County averaged \$7.16 for 1936-37, according to a recent survey. In addition to this levy, an average of \$1.43 per capita was levied for bonds, \$8.86 for current school purposes, \$2.63 for school bonds and \$1.31 for county special districts. The total for county, school and special district purposes was \$21.39 per capita.

For the state as a whole, it was found that the average per capita levy for general county purposes for 1936-37 was \$11.74, for county bonds 70 cents, for current school purposes \$8.68, for school bonds \$2.87 and for special district taxes \$1.23. The total average per capita taxes levied, exclusive of cities, being \$25.33.

TOTAL TAXES

Total taxes by the county, schools, and special districts of San Mateo County were \$1,999,643 in 1936-37, as compared with a low point of \$1,854,843 in 1933-34. These figures do not include taxes levied by cities.

Taxes for general county current purposes during the five year period, from 1932 to 1937 reached their low of \$669,080 in 1936-37. School taxes for current purposes reached their low of \$486,579 in 1933-34 and were \$928,180 in 1936-37. Special district taxes reached their low of \$104,281 in 1934-35 and had gone to \$122,146 in 1936-37. Taxes levied for general county bonds were \$102,559 in 1932-33 and \$133,976 in 1936-37; for school bonds the levy was \$309,265 in 1932-33 and \$246,261 in 1936-37.

Dancing Classes At Valley Center

Miss Jean Peterson, director of dancing, announces that there will be classes in ballet, tap and acrobatic dancing at the center every Thursday afternoon starting at 2:30 o'clock. The change in day was due to the large attendance.

Miss Peterson, who has conducted dancing classes in Marin County, Oakland and San Francisco, has given instruction at the center for several years. She is unusually successful with tiny tots, having specialized in work with small children.

ART DEPARTMENT

The art department of the center has received city wide recognition for its unusually fine exhibits of clay modeling and drawings.

Boys who are interested in airplane modeling are invited to attend Thursday classes at the center. The classes now have an enrollment of 20 boys. There is an opening for only five more members.

Bayshore P. T. A. Ends Active Year

With a year of much achievement behind her, Mrs. Ruth Dufford, president of the Bayshore P. T. A. unit, will hand the gavel to the new president, Mrs. Sue Byrnes, Friday evening of next week, at a regular monthly meeting.

District P. T. A. officers will come to the meeting to install the new officers. In order that father P. T. A. members may attend, the meeting is being held in the evening.

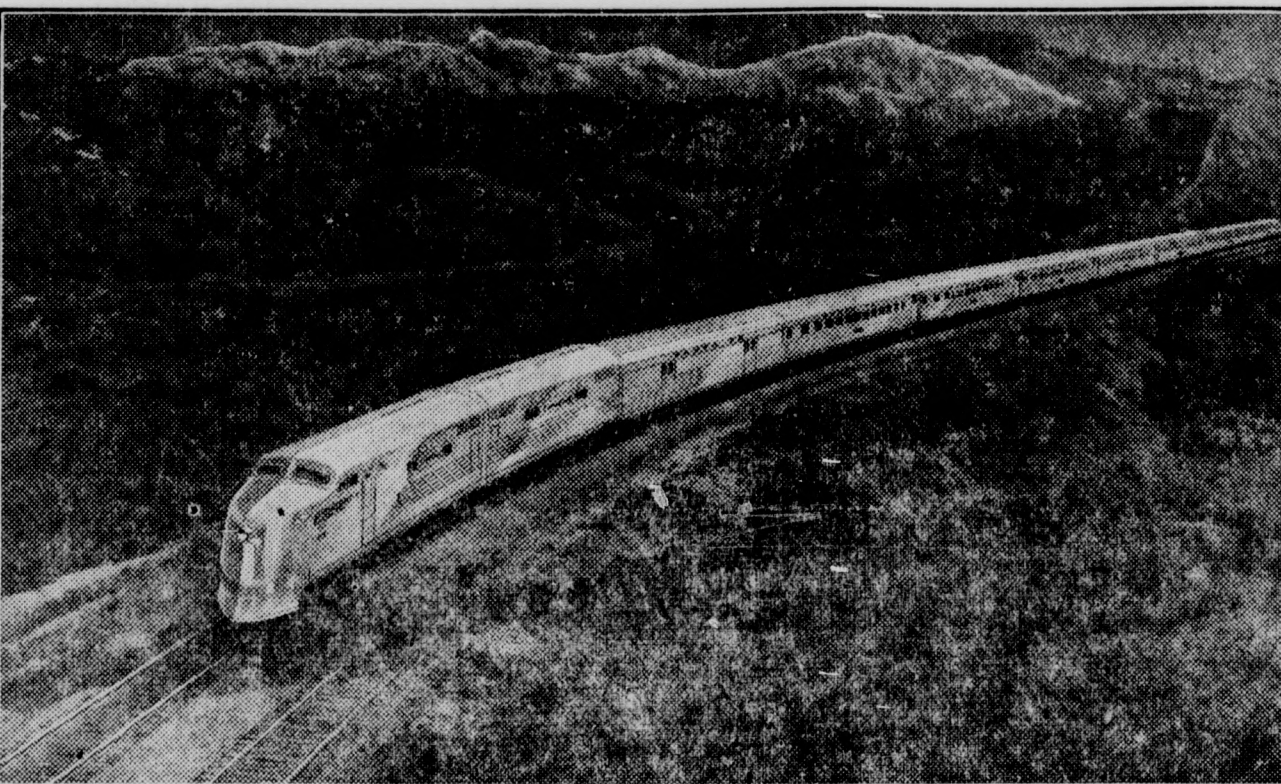
During the year just past, Mrs. Dufford and her members have reached the quota and standards in all departments and boast one of the largest memberships ever known in the Bayshore unit. In addition to this record they have held many social functions to raise funds. Study circles were held regularly and all groups report much valuable instruction received.

Stanford Professor Awarded Fellowship

Dr. Aaron Clement Waters, professor of geology at Stanford University, was this week honored by one of 61 fellowships awarded to American scientists, scholars, writers, composers and artists by the John Simon Guggenheim Foundation for research in 1937.

The grants were for various amounts, averaging \$2500 for a year study, and provide for specified periods of original study ranging from a few months to a year.

New "Super Chief" for Chicago-Los Angeles Run



THIS gleaming train, of light-weight, stainless steel will become the famous "Super Chief" of the Santa Fe railroad when it goes into service early in the spring.

The train, nine cars in length, now is under construction by the Edward G. Budd Manufacturing Company of Philadelphia.

Traversing the picturesque lands

of the Navajo, it will take over the weekly run between Chicago and Los Angeles—a distance of 2,225 miles—and will cover the route on a schedule of 29 hours, 45 minutes.

Through use of light-weight construction principles, the new train will weigh only half as much as the train it will supersede and will be a radical departure from the con-

ventional design of railway equipment.

The train will be Diesel powered. New features for comfort and convenience have been built into it and it will have a striking decorative design. The nine cars include five sleepers, cocktail and lounge car, baggage and postoffice car, dining car and an observation car.

Bayshore Girl Weds Easter Sunday

Anita Servetto, 19, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Servetto of 152 Rio Verde street, Bayshore, was married in St. Peter's and Paul's Church, Easter Sunday, to Joe DeFelice, 24, a San Francisco youth.

Following the wedding, nearly 200 guests attended a reception held at the Eagles Hall, 262 Golden Gate avenue. The couple motored to Southern California on their honeymoon.

Miss Servetto was born and reared in Bayshore. DeFelice is an employee of Gimbal Bros., candy manufacturers of San Francisco.

V. V. Center To Hold Parents Evening

The Parents Assembly will hold a fathers and mothers night, Thursday evening of next week, at the Visitacion Valley Community Center, 66 Raymond avenue. A program scheduled to start at 8 o'clock, will be presented by the high school dramatic section and the junior groups.

There will be a one act comedy, "The Bloom of Youth," with Beatrice Allen, Beatrice Yates and Florence Allen, directed by Mrs. H. Moore. The juniors, Marlene Phillips, Patricia McCollum and Ethel Pappas, directed by Miss Jean Peterson, will present a dance number. The Brownie Pack of the center, directed by Miss Grace Churcher and assisted by Albert Albers, will play a toy symphony. Dancing will furnish entertainment for the rest of the evening.

The sponsoring committee assures a delightful evening to all those who attend the affair.

Supervisors To Set Election Date

Date of the special election at which San Mateo County voters will make their decision on the proposed amendment to the charter will be set by the Board of Supervisors when it receives the certified election petition Wednesday of next week, it has been announced.

Chairman Smith, who leaves tomorrow on a 30 day trip which will take him into Mexico, will not be present, but he said the board would be in a position to set the election date. The ordinance and election proclamation will be ready for adoption Wednesday of next week. After the 10 day period of publication, the board may set the date not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days later.

One Way To Make Slot Machines Pay

The San Mateo County treasury was \$1400 richer this week, following destruction of 77 confiscated slot machines by deputies of Sheriff James J. McGrath.

The money was collected from machines which had been picked up at resorts throughout the county.

BAYSHORE NEWS

Mrs. Fred Thorton entertained the Goodladies Club, Tuesday evening of this week. After the business session, cards were played and refreshments were served. The Goodfellows Club met the same evening at the home of the Grand Goodfellow, Chris Jeppesen.

Mr. and Mrs. William Mardecich entertained Mrs. Antonette Smith, sister of Mrs. Mardecich, and Mrs. Ethelwyn Petrie at Easter dinner. Mrs. Petrie will soon sail for Honolulu where she will make her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Durbin entertained Mr. and Mrs. Sid Pyle, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ford, Miss Esther Durbin and Mrs. Durbin, mother of Ernie, Sunday of this week.

The three candidates for fire commissioner are busy electioneering. They are Tony Beckel, Claude Higgins and Bill Mardecich, the incumbent. Election will be held April 5 at the fire house. Polls will be open from 7 a. m. to 7 p. m.

Edward Schwerin returned, Tuesday of this week, from a trip to Nevada where he purchased 23 new horses for the McLaren Park Riding Club.

Bayshore meetings scheduled for next week are the Fire Board, Monday evening, and the city council, Tuesday evening.

Mayor Lawson is convalescing from a recent illness. His many friends wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

Mrs. Ruth Dufford suffered, early this week, from a severe case of poison oak.

Rumor has it that a certain young couple of Schwerin street who have been "that way" about each other for some time will soon make a trip to the altar.

The Cuneos, whose house was burned last week, are residing on Oriente street. Carpenters are busy repairing the damaged structure.

The fire commissioner election, social functions and civic matters were discussed at a recent meeting of the Voters League.

Easter Flowers Are Flown East

Eastern demand this year for California Easter flowers far surpassed that of any previous season. Because orders from the East were so large, authorities of United Air Lines at Mills Field detailed, Friday evening of last week, a special freight plane to fly to Chicago with 800 pounds of gardenias in addition to spring violets and Easter lilies.

This Easter flower special landed in Chicago Saturday at 11 a. m. From there the ship continued to New York.

Only the two pilots were on the Easter special, which carried a total of 10,000 gardenias. The flowers were so bulky that it was necessary to remove four seats in the plane, stacking the packages of flowers in the baggage room and all through the cabin.

In addition to this plane, 98 shipments, totaling approximately 800 pounds, left the Mills Field airport in every direction. It was estimated that approximately 25,000 gardenias, totaling 2000 pounds, were sent via airplane during Easter week.



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Visitacion Valley Pioneer Passes

Hub Nutter, 71, Visitacion Valley pioneer, passed away recently at his home, 527 Visitacion avenue. Born in New Hampshire, Nutter came to California when a boy and spent his childhood in Lake County.

In 1889, when Visitacion Valley was still open, grass covered country, Nutter settled here and later built the Bayshore Hotel, of which he was proprietor till his retirement in 1929, the year the Bayshore highway was opened.

Nutter was a baseball enthusiast. In 1914-15 he sponsored and managed a club and entered the first San Francisco Winter League ball competition. Nutter's team won the championship that year.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. H. N. Nutter; two sisters, Mrs. H. Miller and Mrs. Rox Rabb; a son and daughter, Bill Nutter and Mrs. Leah Leurey.

LEGION MEETING

Bayshore Post No. 473, American Legion, will meet Thursday evening of next week, in the Riley Hall at 8 o'clock. Membership and activities are scheduled for discussion.

SANITARY MEETING

Chief point of business at the Sanitary Board meeting in Bayshore City, Thursday evening of this week, was a discussion as to whom payment should be made for March rent for the former meeting place of the board. Secretary Elinger was instructed to address a letter to the Voters League and one to the Board of Councilmen of Bayshore City asking to whom payment should be made.

B. E. Ford, who has recently pointed out several facts to the Sanitary Board, is not a member of the body, but an interested citizen.

GONE WHERE?

Mrs. Hazel Unger, Parma, O., reported to Police Chief Garry Burczyk that Gypsies had defrauded her of \$92. Burczyk, after making his official report, wrote the story of her misfortune for a Cleveland newspaper.

As an afterthought he added a headline: "Gone With the Wind."

HAND SIGNAL NEGLECT CAUSE OF ACCIDENTS

More and better hand signals mean fewer accidents—the giving of proper signals when slowing down, stopping or preparing to make a turn is a vital part of the safety code for motorists, but a frequently neglected one.

These are highlights of a statement by the Public Safety Department of the California State Automobile Association. The motorists' organization declared that accident records show many instances where failure to give signals has figured as a direct cause. The statement continued:

"The California Vehicle Act requires motorists, before starting, turning, or stopping, first to determine whether they can do so with safety and then to give a plainly visible signal. The law requires that a proper signal shall be given continuously during the last fifty feet before stopping or turning. There is a good reason why signals should be given well in advance. When a signal is not given until immediately before stopping or turning, other traffic may not be able to slow down or stop in time to avoid a collision."

"Signals are necessary not only to let the car behind know what the driver intends to do, but they are often necessary for the information and protection of an approaching motorist who may intend to make a turn himself or who may be entering from an intersecting road. Signals are also important for the protection of the driver himself when he plans to slow down, stop, or change his direction of travel."

"Signals should be given clearly and unmistakably, with the hand and arm extended in such a way as to be plainly visible to other drivers. Too many drivers merely thrust a hand an inch or two outside the car in a way which requires other drivers to guess at what is meant."

President Roosevelt recently issued a formal proclamation calling on the nation to observe army day on Tuesday of next week, April 6.

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Not even so important an event as the first issue of rifles could impel these boys in the famous English school at Eton, recruits in the officers' training corps, to flout tradition. So they turned out for their first drill wearing their top hats and swallowtail coats.

Bedtime Story for Children

By THORNTON W. BURGESS

WHERE MRS. GROUSE WAS

SAMMY Jay had spread a false report all through the snow-covered Green Forest and over the glistening Green Meadows. He had told every one he met that Farmer Brown's boy had killed poor Mrs. Grouse and taken her home for his dinner. Now, it was true that he had taken her home, but it wasn't true that he had killed her. You see, he had found her very weak and helpless under the hard,



Some of Them Peter Rabbit Saw, and He Told Them Sammy Jay's Story Was Not True.

icy crust that Jack Frost had made while she was asleep down under the snow, and which she couldn't break. Sammy Jay and Peter Rabbit had both seen her carried away and both knew that she hadn't been killed. But it made a bigger story, a more dreadful story, to say that she had been killed, and Sammy Jay dearly loves to tell bad news. Besides, he is always ready to think evil of others.

"If he didn't kill her, then he will kill her when he gets her home," said Sammy to himself, "and so it's all right to say that he has killed her." So he flew about spreading that dreadful false story and actually enjoyed telling the dreadful news.

Of course, all of the friends of Mrs. Grouse felt terrible. Some of them Peter Rabbit saw and he told them Sammy Jay's story was not true—that Mrs. Grouse had not been killed. But he had to admit that she had been carried away by Farmer Brown's boy, and to her friends this seemed almost as bad, for most of them were very much afraid of Farmer Brown's boy and quite willing to believe the very worst of him. So they all mourned for poor Mrs. Grouse and said how dreadful and how sad it was and how they hoped something dreadful would

Smart Spring Hat



A rolled brim hat of novelty silk satin in white with navy blue and dusty pink stripes and having a gilet to match looks extremely smart with a navy blue tailored suit. The gloves and handbag are of dusty pink suede.

happen to Farmer Brown's boy.

But Mrs. Grouse didn't know anything about this. At first she had been terribly frightened when she had been picked up and knew that Farmer Brown's boy held her a prisoner. But after a while his hands felt very warm, for she was shivering with cold, and they seemed very gentle. And then, she didn't know why, she wasn't afraid any more. She just cuddled right down and felt sure that nothing dreadful was going to happen.

And nothing dreadful did happen. Oh, my, no! She was taken up to Farmer Brown's house and right inside, where it was as warm as in summer and where Farmer Brown's boy's mother stroked her with such gentle hands and said, "You poor, poor little bird." And then when she was warm she was taken out to the henhouse and put in a box with plenty of nice warm hay and there she was left with all the corn and oats and barley that she could eat. This was what she needed most, for you know it was because she had had nothing to eat for so long, while she was a prisoner under that dreadful icy crust, that she was too weak to fly when the crust was broken.

So she ate and ate until she could

eat no more and then nestled down in the soft, warm hay to sleep, for she was tired, so very, very tired. And as she closed her eyes it seemed to her that she couldn't remember when she had been so comfortable—Certainly not for days and days. And she could sleep without fear of Reddy Fox or Hooty the Owl or any other danger. To be sure, she was a prisoner, but somehow she didn't mind. Not then, anyway. And—and—well, Farmer Brown's boy wasn't dreadful at all; he was rather nice.

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"Words may be mere wind," says sagacious Sue, "but so is a tornado."

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FIRST-AID TO AILING HOUSE

By ROGER B. WHITMAN

LOOK BEFORE YOU BUY

TWO years ago a friend of mine bought a suburban house. The design of the house suited him and he was greatly pleased with the location of the property, which was at the foot of a gradual slope heavily covered with trees. As soon as he was installed he laid out a garden behind the house, and looked forward to the pleasure that he would have with it. Three months later a heavy storm blew up one night. The next morning, to his dismay, he found that a rush of water down the hillside had washed away part of his garden and cut gashes and furrows in the rest. On talking it over, he realized that his many visits to the house before buying were all made on pleasant days; that it had not occurred to him to find out what the place would be like in bad weather.

I have known of many similar instances; the development of unpleasant qualities that could have been foreseen if the buyer had looked the place over under all conditions. My advice to a prospective buyer is to visit the property in bad weather as well as in clear; late at night as well as in the daytime; on Sundays and holidays as well as in the middle of a week. Here are some examples of failures to do this:

One district that I know is charming in dry weather, but as the sew-

ers are too small to take care of a heavy rainfall, the street may be flooded for hours at a time.

A street that I know connects with an avenue leading to a public beach and amusement park some miles distant. On summer weekdays it carries but little traffic, but on weekends and holidays it is jammed with cars; traffic is heavy and noisy until late at night.

A family bought a country property that answered all of their desires in house and garden. The section was isolated, the only near neighbor being a similar house a few hundred feet away. On their first night a dance band started up in the neighboring house, and many cars collected there. The family then realized that the house, quiet in the daytime, was actually a roadhouse and responsible for music, shouting and whoopee that lasted into early morning.

No buyer can know what he is buying and the conditions surrounding a property until he has visited it under all conditions of weather and time.

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KNOW THYSELF

by Dr. George D. Greer



WHY DO THE SELF-MADE OFF-EN SNEER AT COLLEGE EDUCATION?

WHEN any one ridicules something which has been denied him, it usually means that this person is putting up a "defense mechanism"—that is, he is trying to raise himself by lowering the thing which makes him seem small. Most people who have not been to college greatly overestimate the value and importance of college training and imagine that they lack some-

The Things Delayed

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

ONLY a little month ago
We faced the Allegheny snow
And thought the spring would
never come;
But spring, at worst, is only slow,
And winter only wearisome.

Some joys are oftentimes delayed,
And hearts grow oftentimes afraid
Some joy desired will never be;
And yet the snowy blanket made
But greener grass and fairer tree.

The things delayed will yet appear;
We need not worry, need not fear,
Need only pray, and wait, and pray.

There is a springtime every year,
Though mountains have their
snow in May.

Far better have the flow'rs of June
To come too late than come too soon
While yet the winter lingers nigh.
So I'll await tomorrow's noon
If clouds today obscure the sky.

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THE LANGUAGE OF YOUR HAND

By Leicester K. Davis

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The Executive Finger of Jupiter

IT IS surprising how clearly well-balanced initiative or the lack of it shows in the conformation and placing of the forefinger.

Other compensating influences within the hand may, of course, offset many an adverse indication in this element which so unerringly tells the trained analyst of the individual's trends in power and purpose. The importance of careful study of the forefinger as an aid to complete and correct interpretation of the inner self cannot be too strongly emphasized.

The Executive Finger of Jupiter.

A small amount of comparative study will enable you to recognize the efficient conformation of this finger immediately. This type is marked by definite characteristics. These are (1) Unusual straightness from root to tip; (2) full yet smoothly modeled joints; (3) pronounced width of space between the forefinger and the adjoining second finger.

The nail tip of this type of forefinger usually tapers slightly, but the end is nearly always definitely squared, with square though slightly elongated nail symmetrically set. With the hand extended wide, one gets a very positive impression that the finger is pointing directly at some unseen but clearly understood objective.

Forefingers of this type are found on the hands of men and women who are real "go-getters," who know what they are about, form their ambitions concretely, and employ efficient means in reaching their objectives.

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Fattest in France



Here is Jean Banna, Paris restaurant proprietor, whose total displacement of over 400 pounds gives him the distinction of being the fattest man in all France. A fond believer in eating as often as he can, Banna is shown slicing himself a piece of salami to satisfy that empty feeling in between meals.

thing very essential. This sometimes drives them to ridicule the education they do not have and which they envy in others. There are some self-made men who realize that they missed something in the line of education and try to compensate for it by reading and becoming well informed. This is much better than ridiculing education and is a mark of superior intelligence.

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Harmonizing With Spring



THIS week's crop of fashions seem fully as sweet and gay and long-awaited as lovely Spring—with which they're meant to harmonize. Mary, Sue and Emily, three charming standees, know how to have day in day out chic without forfeiting that pretty silver lining in their new Spring purses.

Hints From Mary's Boudoir.

"I'm especially fussy about the slip I wear, perhaps that's why I always sew-my-own! I never miss the few hours it takes, and I can spend the difference for a finer, better-wearing fabric. A slip that's well-behaved is a joy to yourself—others as well—and just as easy to have. So take a tip from one who knows: choose this model and a good fabric and you'll have no further slip troubles."

A Lift for M'Lady.

"A new frock means more to me than a new fabric and a change of color—it means a lift, a new lease on life!" So says Miss Sue, a snappy sophomore who sews. "I decided 1252 had the kind of newness I want: the clever cut of the waistcoat bodice first caught my fancy, and the saucy swing skirt made me sign on the dotted line. I go for simple necklines, and I like lots of buttons too. You should see my version in royal blue silk crepe—really, it's something to be proud of."

Designers Win Praise.

"Smart Matron your granny," retorts Emily to an intended bit of flattery regarding her new welcome-to-spring frock. "If I look as young as I feel I'll be mistaken for a Laf-a-Lot! But honestly, this new dress gives me a more dressed-up feeling than any I can remember in Springs gone by. I think Sew-Your-Own designers are smart to give us '40's some of that swing the youngsters rave about. Do you suppose they sympathize with the poor young men who are urged nowadays to 'Swing, Swing dear Mother-in-law'?"

The Patterns.

Pattern 1909 is for sizes 14 to 20 (32 to 46 bust). Size 16 requires 2 3/4 yards of 39 inch material.

Pattern 1252 is for sizes 12 to 20 (32 to 38 bust). Size 14 requires 3 3/4 yards of 39 inch material plus 1/2 yard contrasting.

Pattern 1233 is for sizes 34 to 52.

Size 36 requires 5 1/2 yards of 39 inch material plus 1/2 yard contrasting.

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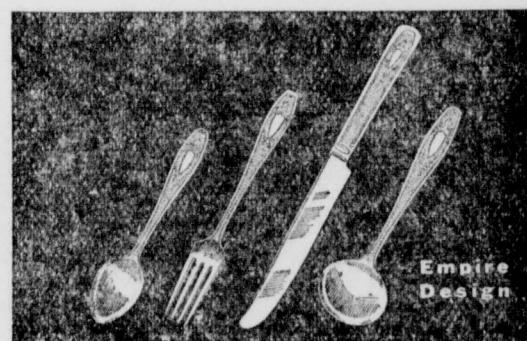
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BRISBANE LOCAL NEWS

By ROY EDWARDS

OLDEST COUNTY RESIDENT GIVEN HONOR SERVICES

"Mother" Minerva Perishes In Flames Which Swept Her Colorful Home

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El Camino Real at Colma. The dwelling was gutted by flames.

An examination disclosed death was caused by suffocation, with burning a contributory cause.

The oldest resident of San Mateo County was born June 26, 1832, at Canton, Ohio. Her husband, Louis Washington Hartman, a sea captain during the Civil War, preceded her in death by 65 years. Friends who had known "Mother" Minerva for more than 30 years said they had never heard her mention any living relatives.

She had little to say about her past life other than her notable career as a nurse, which included active service in the Indian War with Custer, the Civil War, the Spanish-American War and in the Philippines.

BRISBANE GENERALITIES

By Phil Sbriglia

Mrs. Ed Slocum of Alvarado street fractured her wrist recently while opening the rumble seat of her car. The injured member is healing rapidly.

Raymond Paul of San Francisco is visiting his sister, Mrs. E. Morris of Alvarado street, and says he likes Brisbane very much.

Mrs. Tiny Burns had her brother, Lester Malz of San Rafael, as house guest during Easter week.

The 3B Club was entertained at the home of Ione Kinney on Alvarado street Monday of this week. The ladies enjoyed a delightful afternoon of bridge.

The Social Club whist party Friday of last week drew a large crowd. President Lyn Blair and Helen John extended cordial hospitality to all guests. Prize winners were Nita Lummus, Gordon Minnick, Billy Strausburg and Mrs. G. Minnick.

April 5 is election day for Brisbane fire commissioner. All registered voters are asked to cast their ballots.

Mrs. E. T. Holladay left Brisbane last week to make a trip to Agusta, Kan.; Kansas City, Mo., and Oklahoma City, Okla. Mrs. Holladay will be gone for several weeks and will attend a family reunion at Agusta. Mrs. M. C. Davidson will manage the Holladay Notion Store during the absence of Mrs. Holladay.

Amos Kinney and Mrs. Ethel Jonas have been appointed by County Clerk Hineman to register Brisbane voters.

Margaret Madden and friends of Carson City, Nevada, were taken sight seeing recently around Brisbane and San Francisco by Bill Strassburger and Walter Blair.

Arthur Annis has engaged Amos Kinney to look over blue prints and plans in order to finish his house on Klamath street. When completed, the structure will be one of the finest in Brisbane.

Violet and Dan O'Connor of Alvarado street entertained out of town visitors last week end.

Local residents extend a welcome to Hector Sagasaty from San Salvador, Central America. Parents of Sagasaty own extensive lands in San Salvador and are one of the ranking families of the country.

Arthur Annis recently awarded Robert L. Netzer a radio as a bonus for his good work at the tract office.

Neal Harris and his bride of six months have moved into their newly furnished home.

Gus Rinos expressed fear that the recent heavy rains may carry a land slide down upon his home. Several serious slides have occurred just south of Mozzetti's service station. Rinos owns the fruit stand on the highway near the acres.

Mrs. Freda Miller of Sacramento is the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Miller, 8 Eldorado street.

Brisbane Veterans of Foreign Wars held a farewell party, Thursday evening of this week, for Frank Lamont, retiring secretary, who is moving to Fort Bragg. There was dancing and refreshments were served.

Coast Gardeners Favor Sweet Peas

New proof that Pacific Coast living and tastes are as unique as if this region were a different land, is indicated in a local and nationwide flower survey disclosed this week by the vice president of Ferry-Morse Seed Co., San Francisco.

"Pacific Coast home gardeners at present prefer, in the order named," said the official, "Sweet peas, nasturtium, zinnia, snapdragon, stock, aster and petunia."

A national survey reveals that home gardeners elsewhere prefer, in the following order, heavenly blue morning glory, petunia, zinnia, marigold, nasturtium, portulaca and larkspur.

County Offices Move At Redwood

Work was virtually completed last week in the enlarging of the present offices of Dr. Charles C. Gans, county director of health and welfare, at Redwood City.

The office of County Purchasing Agent Stanley Kelley was moved this week to the cottage adjoining the court house, trading offices with the social welfare department. The offices are being moved in order that all of the health and welfare department may be centralized.

Mr. Alsing of Visitation avenue is adding a side wing to his home. George Snell is doing the work.

MAKE WAY FOR A PIRATE



Sybil Jason, famous seven year old film star, is capturing every heart as she sails to greater glory alongside May Robson and Guy Kibbee in the First National comedy, "The Captain's Kid," which opens at the Avenue Theater today.

Legion Auxiliary Whist Parties

American Legion Auxiliary No. 409 of San Bruno are giving a series of whist parties on the first and third Tuesdays of every month, Legion Hall, 1:30 p. m. A party will be held Tuesday afternoon of next week.

Door prizes and score awards are given at each affair. At every third party a grand prize is given away.

Father Of Brisbane Resident Passes

Matt Mattson, father of A. A. Mattson, 17 Alvarado street, Brisbane, passed away here recently.

The elderly gentleman had resided at the home of his son and daughter-in-law for eight months. Funeral services were held from a San Francisco parlor and interment was at Cypress Lawn Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Mattson expressed sincere appreciation to Brisbane firemen and friends who offered many kindnesses during their recent bereavement.

Brisbane P. T. A.

The Brisbane P. T. A. unit will send four delegates to the Seventeenth District convention to be held at the San Mateo Theater April 15 and 16.

Mrs. Carl G. Weller will continue parent education classes on Wednesdays at 2:45 p. m. in the school auditorium.

The P. T. A. will hold gym classes at 3 p. m. on Fridays at the school assembly.

Several educational motion picture reels were shown at the school auditorium, Friday evening of last week.

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Two Brisbane Men Die This Week

Two Brisbane men, Ross R. Morris and Al Peeler, passed away this week. Morris, aged 72, died Thursday of this week, at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. Morley, of 260 Trinity road. A native of Ohio, he is survived by his daughter and two sons. Funeral services were held from a San Francisco parlor and the body was shipped to Clarinda, Iowa.

A. Peeler, aged 53, former resident of El Dorado street, passed away suddenly, early this week, on a ranch near Fort Bragg. He is survived by his widow and four children.

DANCE A SUCCESS

The dance sponsored by Veterans of Foreign Wars and held, Saturday evening of last week, at the San Bruno Legion Hall was well attended.

J. Pennas, 329 Lux avenue, South San Francisco, Charles Lema, 416 Miller avenue, South San Francisco, and W. A. Thomas, 575 Lawrence street, San Jose, were winners of the three radios which were given away.

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BLUE AND GOLD

Though Spanish in its general atmosphere, the Golden Gate Bridge Fiesta in San Francisco, May 27 to June 2, will use the colors of California, blue and gold, instead of the red and gold of Spain.

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BRUNO CITIZENS WILL VOTE ON CITY CHARTER

Community Now Governed By State Law Covering Cities Of Sixth Class

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street crossing in Fifth Addition and Angus avenue in Third Addition.

Residents say that these two crossings are essential for adequate fire protection in the districts they serve. Cities operating under a charter on the peninsula have been able to prevent the closing of certain crossings in their municipalities, but cities operating without a charter have had their crossings closed in spite of protests.

Under the state law governing municipal improvements, such as streets and sidewalks, investigation proceedings are cumbersome and expensive. As a result, municipal improvement bonds usually bear a high rate of interest and are usually discounted at the time they are sold. Property owners, therefore, pay unnecessary sums for improvements.

Under a charter, lengthy proceedings on bond issues may be avoided, resulting in a saving to taxpayers.

Forty-two men are spending six years painting the Sydney Harbor Bridge, Sydney, Australia. When they finish it will be time to start all over again.

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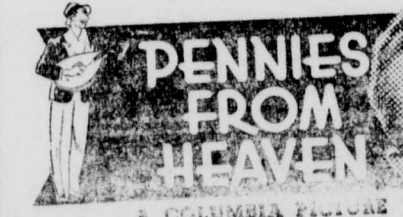
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